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Will give you an all wool fancy cheviot. Finely made and trimmed, the best suit ever sold in Butte at the price. All sizes.

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Takes the choice of over 50 styles of children's up-to-date suits. The best value for the money to be obtained anywhere.

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## BLOOR GETS A YEAR

The Secretary of the Senate Found  
Guilty by a Jury.

### TO BE SENTENCED MONDAY

His Attorney Believes the Fact  
That He Was a Middle-of-the-  
Road Pop Had Much to Do  
With His Conviction.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Helena, May 14.—John Bloor, secretary of the senate, who was charged with secreting the salary bill, is in jail with the prospect of one year in the penitentiary before him. After being out 30 hours the jury, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment returned by the Lewis and Clarke grand jury, and fixed his sentence at one year in the state's prison. Judge Smith refused to admit Bloor to bail and he was removed to jail to await sentence, which will be passed Monday morning. The verdict was evidently a compromise, as the jury sent word to the court at noon to-day that it would be impossible for it to agree and asked the court to discharge it. Judge Smith refused to discharge the jurors and sent them back to resume consideration of the case. At 4:30 o'clock the jury sent word that it had reached an agreement.

Bloor had been in the court house all afternoon, as had been one of his lawyers, E. A. Carleton, who was engaged on another trial. His other lawyer, T. J. Walsh, was sent for and County Attorney Purcell was already on hand. Bloor took his seat beside his lawyers with a gay carnation in his buttonhole. He did not appear at ease, but when the verdict was read he gave little evidence of his feelings. Both Bloor and his lawyers were confident of an acquittal. Bloor refused to talk about his case this afternoon, but Lawyer Carleton said that he believed that the fact that his client was a middle-of-the-road populist had more to do with his conviction than the law and evidence. An appeal will taken to the supreme court as soon as possible.

The jury this afternoon acquitted Lawrence G. Merritt, indicted by the grand jury for alleged perjury, whose trial was commenced in the district court yesterday. It was alleged that Merritt, as a witness in the action brought by Mattie E. Burns to remove Rev. John H. Shelton as administrator and Mary S. Smith as administratrix of the Smith estate, tried recently in Department II. of the district court, swore falsely. He alleged that certain assets of the estate, consisting of \$20,000, a certificate of deposit on the Merchants National bank and two promissory notes had been in the possession of Rev. Mr. Shelton. He swore that he saw the notes and certificate and made a memorandum of them which was produced as evidence in the trial. No accounting was ever made of the \$20,000 certificate and it was alleged on former trial that the administrators had made away with it for their own use. It was conclusively proved that the \$20,000 certificate never existed and that the notes referred to by the defendant were in the hands of Sanders & Sanders at the time, he said Rev. Mr. Shelton had them. It was not proved, however, that Merritt had been actuated by malice in his false statements. He was mistaken, but not wilfully so, and the court told the jury that its verdict was just when it was returned this afternoon.

### ON THE TRACK.

To-day at Morris Park.

The following are the entries and weights for to-day's races at Morris Park:

First race, maidens, Eclipse course—Eclipse, Imperator, Humort, 115; Surrogate, Simian, Wollust, 107; Elida, 105.

Second race, five furlongs, Eclipse course, selling, for 2-year-olds—Restover, 116; St. Ives, 115; Torstenson, 113; False Pride, 109; Checkers, 108; Mr. Steed, 106; Henchman, 105; Previous, Ginoine, Tantris, 100; Tinkler, 102; Nearest, Isen, 97; Indian Summer, 92.

Third race, handicap, mile and a sixteenth, over Withers course—Deerslayer, 126; Sir Walter, 121; Dutch Skater, 116; Luke Shore, 114; Tom Cromwell, 113; Cromwell, 112; Hanwell, 109; Volley, 106; Declare, 104; Divide, 100; Poetess, Baroness, 92.

Fourth race, the Withers mile—Arbuckle, Don de Oro, 122; Octagon, Scottish Chieftain, 109; Ogden, 122; Regulator, 119; Bannock, 115; (Don de Oro and Octagon August Belmont's entry; Scottish Chieftain and Ogden Marcus Daly's entries; Arbuckle E. W. Heffner's entry; Regulator James R. Keen's entry; Bannock Graham Anderson's entry).

Fifth race, Cretona High weight handicap, last six furlongs, Withers mile—Gotham, 137; Brandywine, 127; The Swain, 124; Cleophas, 121; Casseopia, 121; Tinge, 119; Marsian, 118; Premier, 117; Setfast, 113; Mudge, 114; Landslide, 104; Billah, 106; Trillite, 100; Hurt, 92.

Sixth race, New York steeple, handicap, two miles and a half—Lady Raymond, 170; Duke of Abercorn, 165; Tidman, 155; Pecunia, 152; Mill Boy, 136; Decapod, Marcus, 147; Hellas, 142; Forget, 140; Thackeray, 138; Mars Chan, 137; Dr. Grimes, 145.

### At Louisville.

Louisville, May 14.—The talent fared much better at Churchill Downs to-day. The track was fast and the finishes good. The opening event at one mile had four good ones in Egbert, Souffle, Loli and F. V. But Loli won without much effort after they had been kept at the post for four minutes. Official, at 30 and 40 to 1, captured the second in a driving finish by a head from Olney, who was coupled with Barateria. He was the favorite at prohibitive odds. The Blue Grass stakes, six and a half furlongs, fell to Floto, who, getting in front, won after the fall of the flag and easily showed the way under the wire, while Floridas and Blanton had a drive for the place.

Mile—Loli won, F. V. second, Souffle third; time, 1:43. Five furlongs—Official won, Olney second, Philip Byrnes third; time, 1:04. Mile—Dunis won, Jagray second, Prime Minister third; time, 1:44. Fourth race, Blue Grass stakes, six and a half furlongs—D. Floto won, Blanton second, Floridas third; time, 1:23. Fifth race, four furlongs—Cuba Free won, Gnome second, Miss C. third; time, 20.

### At Oakland.

Oakland, May 14.—Six furlongs—Atticus won, Claudiana second, Cheridah third; time, 1:17. Seven furlongs—Nebdchadnezar won, Mollie R. second, Thelma third; time, 1:30. Six and a half furlongs—Alma won, Taranto second, Anabasis third; time, 1:23. Four furlongs—Dick won, Lord Marmion second, St. Cataline third; time, :49. Mile and an eighth—Treachery

won, Japonica second, Billy McClosky third; time, 1:37. Mile—Sally Clocquot won, Trance second, Con Moto third; time, 1:43. Six and a half furlongs—Uno Colorado won, King William second, Marionette third; time, 1:23.

### At Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 14.—Six furlongs—Shut-lecock won, Starbuck second, St. Pat third; time, 1:15. Five furlongs—Ora Lee won, Alvin E. second, Sidney Bender third; time, 1:02. Owners' handicap, one mile—Her Excellency won, Lonely second, Hanchitt II. third; time, 1:44. Six furlongs—Robinson won, Carrie Lytle second, Towanda third; time, 1:14. Four and a half furlongs—Tom Toher won, McCleary second, Virgie Cook third; time, :50.

### At St. Louis To-day.

St. Louis, May 14.—The spring meeting of the jockey club will open at the fair grounds to-morrow. Most of the stables are full, some of the best horses in the West being here to compete for purses and stake events.

### L. A. W. Circuit Meet.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 14.—Three thousand people attended the meeting of the National L. A. W. circuit this afternoon. Many of the professional riders were here, but Michael, Cooper and Murphy failed to appear. In the professional events the results were as follows: One mile, handicap—Huffstetter of Florida (30) first; H. R. Steenson, Dayton, Ohio (30) second; Newhouse, Buffalo (scratch) third; time, 2:11.5. One mile open—Newhouse won, Steenson second, W. T. Becker, Minneapolis, third; time, 2:30. Three-mile, handicap—Jay, Estate, Elizabeth, N. J., (scratch), won; W. T. Becker (scratch), second; Carroll Jackson, Reading, Pa. (110), third; time, 7:18.35.

### The Boat Race To-day.

Annapolis, May 14.—All arrangements have been completed for the race between the rival boat crews of Cornell and the naval academy. The indications point to a rough tussle, as the Cornell crew is being brought to the shore by the tide, and as the course is laid off shore the race as a spectacle may possibly be disappointing.

### Baseball Yesterday.

At Louisville—1; Philadelphia, 7. At Pittsburgh—7; Washington, 11. At St. Louis—7; Baltimore, 11. At Cincinnati—5; New York, 3. At Cleveland—Boston. Game postponed; rain.

### Games To-day.

At Cleveland—Boston. At Chicago—Brooklyn. At Cincinnati—New York. At Louisville—Philadelphia. At St. Louis—Baltimore. At Pittsburgh—Washington.

### Standing of the Clubs.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. Ct.
Baltimore	17	14	3	.824
Philadelphia	19	13	6	.684
Pittsburgh	10	6	4	.625
Cincinnati	18	11	7	.611
Louisville	14	8	6	.571
Boston	16	8	8	.500
Cleveland	17	8	9	.471
New York	14	6	8	.429
Brooklyn	16	6	10	.375
Washington	16	5	11	.313
Chicago	17	5	12	.294
St. Louis	15	4	11	.266

### Dividing the Indebtedness.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.  
Helena, May 14.—The committee appointed by the last legislature to adjust the indebtedness of the counties affected by the annexation of parts of Cascade, Meagher and Broadwater counties to Lewis and Clarke county concluded its work to-day. The Broadwater county indebtedness was considered this afternoon, all other business having been disposed of Wednesday and Thursday. It was decided that the assessed value of the property in that part of Broadwater county segregated by the last legislature is \$6,340; that the total assessed valuation of property included in the division is \$1,887,500; that the county's share of the indebtedness was \$49,836; and that Lewis and Clarke county's share of that indebtedness is \$2,684.64. The proceedings from the first were harmonious. Judge Henry Frank of Livingston made an excellent chairman and his suggestions did much in settling the questions under consideration.

## NEWS OF HELENA

### DEATH OF WILLIAM SCHMITT, A POPULAR MAN.

Tom Watson, an Escaped Crazy Inmate of the Asylum, Arrested by the Sheriff's Officers.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Helena, May 14.—William H. Schmitt, one of the most popular young men in Helena, died to-day at his home in this city. Although he suffered from consumption his death was sudden. He was on the street yesterday afternoon. Mr. Schmitt was 27 years old. He was stenographer for Department I. of the district court during Judge Hunt's term, but was compelled to resign on account of his health. He went to Texas, where he remained 18 months, and then returned to Helena. Mr. Schmitt was an Elk, was past master of Morning Star lodge, A. F. and A. M., and was also a Knight Templar and member of the Mystic Shrine.

J. R. Steele, an old resident of Helena, died at St. John's hospital to-day at the age of 77. He had been ill six weeks. Thomas Watson, an inmate of the Warm Springs insane asylum, who escaped Monday, was arrested in this city to-day by Sheriff Davidson. Watson was adjudged insane in Department II. of the Lewis and Clarke county district court several months ago. He was a prospector, owning several claims near Marysville. Becoming possessed with the idea that a number of prominent citizens, including several county officers, were trying to dispossess him, he guarded the claims with a rifle and a big knife, threatening every person who came near. Watson escaped once before and was caught in Butte. He went to the sheriff's office to-day and inquired for his rifle and knife.

### BEST TIME ON RECORD.

The Cunarder Lucania Skips Across the Atlantic in a Hurry.

Queenstown, May 14.—The Cunard line steamer Lucania, Captain McKay, which left New York May 8, clearing Sandy Hook lightship at 11:15 a. m. of that day, arrived here at 7:24 p. m. to-day after a passage of 5 days, 14 hours and 54 minutes, during which, over the distance steamed, 2,309 knots, she made the best time on record, 21.8 knots per hour.

### Earthquake Shocks in Nevada.

Reno, Nev., May 14.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here this evening about 6 o'clock, lasting several moments. The vibration was from north to south.

## MR. MORONY'S REPORT

The State Examiner Makes Observations of Silver Bow County Officers.

### IT'S OF SPECIAL INTEREST

He Differs Somewhat With the Grand Jurors on Some Things—As to Johnson's Shortage—Report in Full.

The report of State Examiner Morony as to the condition of the various county offices in Silver Bow county was filed with the commissioners yesterday. Mr. Morony had devoted about 15 days in April to the work of examination, concluding on the first of the month. The report, which is given in full below, is of special interest at this time, coming so close after the grand jury report on the same matters. While on the whole Mr. Morony's report agrees with that of the grand jury experts, he differs somewhat in opinion with the honorable grand jurors on some things. For instance the grand jury entirely overlooked the conditions that made it possible for C. Q. Johnson to rob the county of thousands of dollars. Mr. Morony "feels constrained to observe" on the other hand, that the county auditor did not exercise sufficient care in auditing and verifying county officers' reports. Mr. Morony observes that with proper scrutiny the ex-clerk's shortage could have been discovered and his rascality nipped in the bud. The examiner excuses the commissioner for the same lack of care on account of their "multifarious duties and cares" and their reliance on the auditor. The report in enumerating deficient bonds of county officers includes that of Commissioner Lisa, who has filed a new bond since the examinations were made by Mr. Morony. The report is as follows:

Office of State Examiner for Montana, Helena, May 7, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Silver Bow County: Gentlemen: Pursuant to law, I have made an examination of the several offices of your county, and herein beg leave to submit the report following:

Of the office of county assessor, under the administration of Carlos Warfield, during the years 1895 and 1896.

Examined into the collections of poor tax for the year 1895, and found:

Assessor charged for 10,000 receipts at \$2, \$20,000; credited, by receipts returned, unused, 5,000 at \$2, \$10,000; by cash paid county treasurer, \$11,537.80; by commissions allowed, \$1,259.20; by error, charged account commission, \$2; total, \$20,000.

Account collections poor tax and road tax for 1896:

To 10,000 poor tax receipts at \$2, \$20,000; to 10,000 road tax receipts at \$3, \$30,000.

Credit:

By 4,160 road tax receipts, returned at \$3, \$12,480; by 2,251 poor tax receipts returned, at \$2, \$4,502; by cash paid county treasurer, \$20,615.80; by commissions, \$2,402.20; total, \$50,000.

In the year 1895, road tax (per capita) was collected by the road supervisors. In 1896, under the provisions of the code, that duty was imposed on the assessor's office.

The personal property tax collections of the assessor for 1895 and 1896 I did not check to any great extent, but I believe all collections on account of taxes on personal property were accounted for.

Summary of assessor's office for 1895 and 1896:

Moneys collected for use of county, all paid treasurer and accounts balanced.

Office of the Clerk of the District Court, H. A. Niedenhofen, clerk.

Years 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896. Found all fees collected paid county treasurer regularly and promptly with the following exceptions:

The fees collected for the month of December, 1896, amounting to \$2,062.50, as shown by the fee book, were not paid county treasurer, but were paid to Mr. Niedenhofen.

There was also collected by the office under Mr. Niedenhofen's administration, on account of a guarantee of probate fees for different estates, \$162.95, which, at the expiration of his term of office, was still unearned and, in consequence, was not entered on the fee book nor paid into county treasury.

This should be turned over to Mr. Clinton C. Clark, the present clerk, for the credit of the fee account of the several estates, by the administratrix of the estate of the late clerk.

I found that about \$180 on account of probate fees during Mr. Niedenhofen's term were not collected. This accrued prior to the operation of the codes, and is nearly all due and owing from estates handled by public administrators, and which, I am informed by Mr. Williams, cannot be collected, owing to the use of the code.

In behalf, I would not urge the commissioners to charge the estate or bondsmen of Mr. Niedenhofen. I would therefore submit as due and owing from the late clerk, H. A. Niedenhofen, on account of fees for December, 1896, \$2,062.50, to be paid directly to the county treasurer for the use of the county, and \$162.95 to be paid to Mr. Clark and by him paid into the treasury.

Judge McHatton, attorney for the administratrix, informed me that these sums would and could be paid on demand at any time. Therefore you should notify the estate and collect this money without delay.

Sheriff's Office, S. J. Reynolds, sheriff, for the years 1895 and 1896.

All of the fees of this office seem to have been collected and regularly paid into the county treasury.

Coroner's Office: Office of County Superintendent of Schools and Public Administrator.

Of these offices no examination was made, as I considered it unnecessary. The first two named handling little or no funds of the county, and the public administrator being under the direct control and supervision of the courts.

Office of County Clerk and Recorder for the years 1892, 1894, 1895 and 1896, under Charles Q. Johnson:

cepting \$1 in the quarter ending Aug. 31, 1896. These sums are on account of fees for recording and filing instruments, collected, and all entered on fee book (except \$13 for filing 13 instruments, omitted in fee book in the months of January, February and March, 1895.) and which, up to this time, have not been paid to the county treasurer.

Accordingly, Charles Q. Johnson is short in his accounts with the county in the sum of \$3,176.65, as shown above. And in addition to the said sum of \$3,176.65, he is liable, in my opinion, to the county for all moneys collected for any and all services rendered as county clerk and recorder, and therefore owes the county all of the sum or sums of money collected by him for the making of abstracts and copies during his tenure of office and not already in that behalf accounted for, and insofar as this amount can be determined, the county should take immediate action for its recovery. As to the amounts collected and due the county hereon, I cannot report, for the reason that I had no data at my disposal or within my reach from which to determine the same; but I am informed that the grand jury employed two experts to look into the county affairs, and that these experts took up the plan of collecting receipts, etc., issued by Mr. Johnson for money received for this sort of work, and that they will be able to report at least the larger part of this line of shortage.

It seems to have been another irregularity in the affairs of the recorder's office as administered by Mr. Johnson, viz., that of collecting \$1 for certificate of filing, etc., in addition to the folio charges, on each deed, mortgage, bond for deed, etc., recorded and accounting for only 50 cents of such charges on his fee book. This charge, in my opinion, was an illegal one, and therefore the county would not be entitled to recover thereon. However, that is a matter for your decision and reference to the legal adviser of your county.

Mr. Johnson's official bonds are as follows:

First bond, in the penal sum of \$5,000, signed by Mr. Johnson and James H. Lynch and Frank Lynch as sureties; dated Nov. 26, 1892. Second bond, in sum of \$5,000, signed by principal and J. A. Murray, A. F. Bray, J. F. Beck and A. W. Barnard as sureties; dated Nov. 12, 1895.

Before passing from the accounts of Mr. Johnson, I feel constrained to observe that the county auditor's office did not exercise sufficient care in auditing and verifying county officers' reports.

It seems evident that little or no scrutiny could have been given them in the matter of settlements, or this shortcoming would have been spotted at the time. It is the manifest duty of the auditor's office to see to it that county officers make regular settlements with the county treasurer for fees collected.

Of course it may be said that the board of commissioners should have had the various suits paid into, and especially before approving and ordering the various reports filed, and for so failing were negligent; but in their multifarious duties and cares, it is much easier to excuse such neglect on their part than to overlook the dereliction of the auditing officer, who, primarily, is charged with this duty, and especially as it is for the county clerk and recorder, who acts as the clerk and secretary of the board, to hide his own peculations and mislead them as to reports, etc.

Having, as I believe, taken up and disposed of the accounts of such retired officers, as in my judgment was of importance, I will now submit report on affairs of the present officers of your county, on which the examination was made to April 1, 1897.

Office of County Clerk and Recorder, under Mr. John Weston.

To fees collected, January, 1897, \$588.10; to fees collected February, 1897, \$584.55; to fees collected March, 1897, \$704.60; by cash paid treasurer, \$1,792.25.

General management of the office is very good. In this office Mr. Weston has been using an old style fee book, the same as has been used by his predecessors. At my suggestion, this form will be discarded and the form of fee book prescribed by the state examiner's system of accounts put in.

Office of Clinton C. Clark, Clerk of the District Court.

To fees collected from Jan. 1, 1897, to April 1, 1897, \$2,013.40; by cash to treasurer, \$2,013.40; total, \$2,013.40.

Administration of office is very efficient.

Office of Mr. P. H. Regan, Sheriff.

To fees collected for civil process from Jan. 1, 1897, to April 1, 1897, \$699.90; by cash to treasurer, \$699.90.

Books are well kept, and the general aspect of the administration of the office is good.

Office of Mr. T. R. Hinds, County Treasurer.

I found all moneys belonging to the county under date of April 1 accounted for and kept in good, solvent banks. I found also that license collections were being closely looked after, resulting in a substantial increase of revenue to the county. The books of this office present a very good appearance.

Office of George M. Allan, County Assessor.

Owing to the fact that final settlement for road and poor tax collections had not yet been made, I was unable to check on account of these collections.

As to the matter of the assessment of property in your county, from the lists already in, I would estimate the assessment for this year at several millions more than that of any previous year.

The affairs of the assessor's office seem to be well handled.

Office of Mr. John L. Davies, County Auditor.

This office collects in fees and, directly, disburses no money, and thereon, consequently, no report.

Mr. Davies seems to be fully impressed with the importance of checking the books of the county officers, and will doubtless look after this matter more closely than has heretofore been the custom of the auditor's office.

Official bonds of the present county officers.

I find the following bonds good as to

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## TEN MINERS KILLED

A Terrible Disaster at the Dump of a Tennessee Mine.